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HIGHLIGHTS

New Mexico's unemployment rate dipped slightly from 9.1 to 9.0 percent in May according to preliminary estimates based in part on the U.S. Department of Labor's Current Population Survey. The number of jobless fell by 400 to total 60,600, while employment expanded by 7,800 during the month. The U.S. unemployment rate in May was 7.0 percent, unchanged from the rate in April.

As measured by a monthly payroll survey of employers, wage and salary employment in New Mexico expanded by 1,500 during May, largely as a result of increased seasonal activity in the construction, retail trade, and service-related industries. Job losses were recorded in state government and in mining. The mining losses occurred largely in oil and gas extraction which fell by 600, the fifth consecutive monthly job loss for this industry. New Mexico's petroleum industry has lost 4,600 jobs or 34 percent of its employment since January of this year when oil prices began declining precipitously. In state government, employment declines normally occur this time of year as the state's colleges and universities reduce payrolls with the end of the spring semester. Much of these temporary reductions consist of jobs held by part-time student workers.

While unemployment declined moderately in most areas in New Mexico in May, Lea County experienced another sharp rise in joblessness due to the problems in the oil industry. Lea County's unemployment rate in May was 13.8 percent, up from an already high April rate of 11.7 percent. The number of unemployed in Lea County has increased by 2,000 over the last four months, more than doubling the area's unemployment rate.

MAY SUMMARY

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	May 1986	Apr. 1986	May 1985	Apr. 1986	May 1985
Civilian Labor Force	674,100	666,700	646,000	+7,400	+28,100
Employment	613,500	605,700	588,900	+7,800	+24,600
Unemployment	60,600	61,000	57,100	- 400	+3,500
Rate	9.0%	9.1%	8.8%		

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

NEW MEXICO	PRELIM MAY 1986	REVISED APR 1986	REVISED MAY 1985	MAY CHANGE FROM APR 1986	MAY CHANGE FROM MAY 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	522,900	521,400	519,300	1,500	3,600
MINING	14,700	15,300	20,700	-600	-6,000
Metal Mining	2,200	2,300	3,200	-100	-1,000
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying etc	3,600	3,400	4,200	200	-600
Oil & Gas Extraction	8,900	9,600	13,300	-700	-4,400
CONSTRUCTION	37,300	36,100	38,200	1,200	-900
MANUFACTURING	37,100	36,600	36,900	500	200
DURABLE GOODS	24,200	23,800	24,200	400	0
Lumber & Wood Products	2,700	2,500	2,500	200	200
Machinery(except electric)	2,600	2,600	2,900	0	-300
Elec & Electronic Equip	6,500	6,500	6,600	0	-100
Transportation Equipment	4,100	4,000	4,000	100	100
Other Durable Goods	8,300	8,200	8,200	100	100
NONDURABLE GOODS	12,900	12,800	12,700	100	200
Food & Kindred Products	4,200	4,100	3,900	100	300
Textile & Apparel	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	6,300	6,300	6,400	0	-100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	28,600	28,700	30,300	-100	-1,700
TRANSPORTATION	12,800	12,900	13,100	-100	-300
Railroad Transportation	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0
Trucking & Warehousing	5,900	6,000	6,200	-100	-300
Other Transportation	4,500	4,500	4,500	0	0
COMMUNICATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15,800	15,800	17,200	0	-1,400
Communication	6,800	6,800	7,400	0	-600
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	9,000	9,000	9,800	0	-800
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	127,400	125,700	120,800	1,700	6,600
WHOLESALE TRADE	22,900	22,900	22,900	0	0
Durable Goods	13,700	13,600	13,700	100	0
Nondurable Goods	9,200	9,300	9,200	-100	0
RETAIL TRADE	104,500	102,800	97,900	1,700	6,600
Bldg Material & Mobile Homes	4,900	4,800	4,900	100	0
General Merchandise Stores	12,300	12,100	9,900	200	2,400
Food Stores	15,500	15,300	14,200	200	1,300
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	13,100	13,100	13,100	0	0
Apparel & Accessories	5,600	5,600	5,100	0	500
Furniture & Furnishing	4,300	4,300	4,300	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	37,000	36,000	35,300	1,000	1,700
Miscellaneous Retail	11,800	11,600	11,100	200	700
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	26,200	26,100	25,700	100	500
Banking	8,200	8,200	8,300	0	-100
Insurance Carriers	3,300	3,300	3,400	0	-100
Insur Agents, Brokers & Service	2,800	2,900	2,700	-100	100
Real Estate	6,400	6,300	6,100	100	300
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	5,500	5,400	5,200	100	300
SERVICES	116,500	116,100	112,800	400	3,700
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	12,200	12,000	11,000	200	1,200
Personal Services	5,800	6,000	5,900	-200	-100
Business Services	27,500	27,500	26,300	0	1,200
Health Services	27,400	27,300	27,000	100	400
Legal Services	4,000	4,000	3,800	0	200
Educational Services	4,000	4,000	4,100	0	-100
Social Services	7,300	7,300	7,200	0	100
Membership Organizations	6,200	6,000	6,000	200	200
Other Services	22,100	22,000	21,500	100	600
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	135,100	136,800	133,900	-1,700	1,200
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	29,400	29,000	30,100	400	-700
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	105,700	107,800	103,800	-2,100	1,900
State Government 2/	47,600	49,600	46,000	-2,000	1,600
Local Government	58,100	58,200	57,800	-100	300

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

2/ Includes employees of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

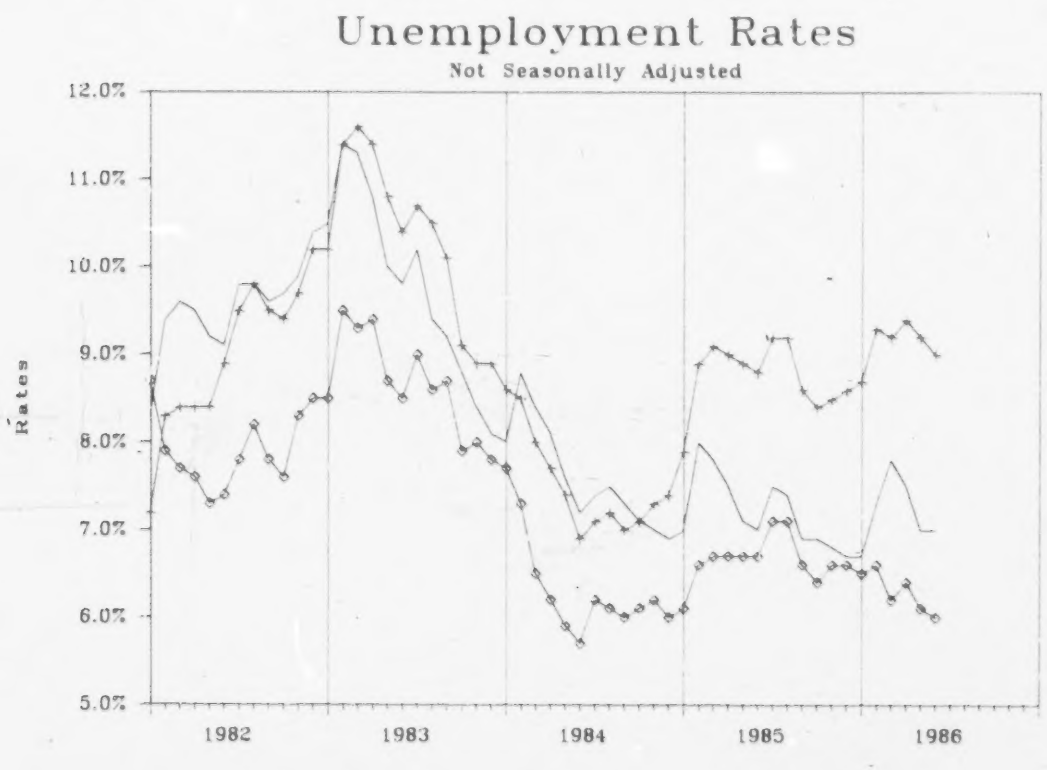
ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)

Preliminary labor force estimates show that there was very little change in the Albuquerque area unemployment situation between April and May 1986. A small drop in the number of people unemployed together with a small rise in the number of people working produced a one-tenth percentage point decline in the unemployment rate. The slight dip in unemployment was very close to the normal seasonal movement for this time of year, while the employment gain ran counter to the seasonal expectation of a small decline in the number of jobholders.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment exhibited a decrease of 500 jobs over the month. A large number of jobs were lost in the other services category as Albuquerque's spring horse racing season terminated and in the personal services category as the income tax preparation season came to an end. The large decline in the State government sector is largely attributable to normal end-of-semester job losses at the university. Partially offsetting these reductions were close-to-normal seasonal gains in the construction and retail trade divisions. Within the manufacturing division a variety of industries and employers experienced either minor increases or minor decreases in payrolls, resulting in virtually no net change for the division as a whole.

Over the past twelve months, 5,100 nonagricultural wage and salary jobs have been added to the Albuquerque area economy. Nearly three-fourths of the advance since May 1985 is concentrated in the trade and services divisions, which means the remaining twenty-five percent of job growth is spread very thinly among all other industrial divisions. Nonfarm payroll estimates so far in 1986 point to a continuation of the slow growth pattern which began to develop following robust job increases in 1984.

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	May 1986	Apr. 1986	May 1985	Apr. 1986	May 1985
Civilian Labor Force	253,200	252,700	241,400	+ 500	+11,800
Employment	237,900	237,200	225,300	+ 700	+12,600
Unemployment	15,300	15,500	16,100	- 200	- 800
Rate	6.0%	6.1%	6.7%		



ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

ALBUQUERQUE MSA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)	PRELIM MAY 1986	REVISED APR 1986	REVISED MAY 1985	MAY CHANGE FROM APR 1986	MAY CHANGE FROM MAY 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	224,300	224,800	219,200	-500	5,100
MINING	300	300	300	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	18,300	17,900	18,100	400	200
MANUFACTURING	19,300	19,400	19,100	-100	200
Durable Goods	13,800	13,900	13,600	-100	200
Nondurable Goods	5,500	5,500	5,500	0	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	12,000	12,200	12,100	-200	-100
Transportation	5,800	5,800	5,700	0	100
Communication	3,800	3,900	3,900	-100	-100
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	2,400	2,500	2,500	-100	-100
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	57,600	57,000	55,000	600	2,600
WHOLESALE TRADE	14,200	14,200	14,200	0	0
Durable Goods	9,500	9,500	9,500	0	0
Nondurable Goods	4,700	4,700	4,700	0	0
RETAIL TRADE	43,400	42,800	40,800	600	2,600
General Merchandise Stores	4,600	4,600	3,900	0	700
Food Stores	4,900	4,800	4,600	100	300
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	4,800	4,800	4,700	0	100
Eating & Drinking Places	16,300	15,900	15,600	400	700
Other Retail Trade	12,800	12,700	12,000	100	800
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	13,600	13,500	13,300	100	300
Banking	3,300	3,200	3,200	100	100
Ins Carriers, Agents & Brokers	3,800	3,800	3,700	0	100
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	6,500	6,500	6,400	0	100
SERVICES	58,800	59,100	57,400	-300	1,400
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	3,600	3,600	3,300	0	300
Personal Services	3,100	3,300	3,100	-200	0
Business Services	19,000	18,900	18,700	100	300
Health Services	13,200	13,200	12,900	0	300
Social Services	2,900	2,900	2,800	0	100
Membership Organizations	1,800	1,700	1,700	100	100
Other Services	15,200	15,500	14,900	-300	300
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	44,400	45,400	43,900	-1,000	500
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	12,700	12,800	12,700	-100	0
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	31,700	32,600	31,200	-900	500
State Government	12,700	13,600	12,300	-900	400
Local Government	19,000	19,000	18,900	0	100

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

LAS CRUCES MSA (DONA ANA COUNTY) 1/	PRELIM MAY 1986	REVISED APR 1986	REVISED MAY 1985	MAY CHANGE FROM APR 1986	MAY CHANGE FROM MAY 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	39,100	38,900	36,500	200	2,600
MINING 3/	0	0	0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2,900	2,800	2,700	100	200
MANUFACTURING	3,050	3,000	3,050	50	0
Durable Goods	1,350	1,300	1,250	50	100
Nondurable Goods	1,700	1,700	1,800	0	-100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0
Transportation	600	600	600	0	0
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	800	800	800	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	8,050	8,050	7,300	0	750
WHOLESALE TRADE	800	800	800	0	0
RETAIL TRADE	7,250	7,250	6,500	0	750
General Merchandise Stores	900	900	700	0	200
Food Stores	1,050	1,000	950	50	100
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	800	850	850	-50	-50
Eating & Drinking Places	3,100	3,100	2,600	0	500
Other Retail Trade	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	1,700	1,650	1,550	50	150
SERVICES	5,500	5,700	5,000	-200	500
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	650	650	600	0	50
Business Services	950	900	850	50	100
Health Services	1,450	1,400	1,250	50	200
Social Services	350	350	300	0	50
Other Services	2,100	2,400	2,000	-300	100
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	16,500	16,300	15,500	200	1,000
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	4,600	4,600	4,500	0	100
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	11,900	11,700	11,000	200	900
State Government	6,800	6,600	6,000	200	800
Local Government	5,100	5,100	5,000	0	100

SANTA FE MSA (SANTA FE & LOS ALAMOS COUNTIES) 1/	PRELIM MAY 1986	REVISED APR 1986	REVISED MAY 1985	MAY CHANGE FROM APR 1986	MAY CHANGE FROM MAY 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	51,450	50,350	50,100	1,100	1,350
MINING	150	150	150	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	3,400	3,200	3,500	200	-100
MANUFACTURING	1,600	1,500	1,500	100	100
Durable Goods	900	900	900	0	0
Nondurable Goods	700	600	600	100	100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,150	1,150	1,100	0	50
Transportation	400	400	350	0	50
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	750	750	750	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	9,850	9,600	9,050	250	800
WHOLESALE TRADE	700	700	700	0	0
RETAIL TRADE	9,150	8,900	8,350	250	800
General Merchandise Stores	950	950	600	0	350
Food Stores	1,200	1,150	1,200	50	0
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	850	900	850	-50	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3,600	3,400	3,400	200	200
Other Retail Trade	2,550	2,500	2,300	50	250
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	2,000	2,050	1,950	-50	50
SERVICES	13,100	12,400	12,850	700	250
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	1,950	1,750	1,750	200	200
Business Services	2,900	2,900	2,900	0	0
Health Services	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0
Social Services	550	550	600	0	-50
Other Services	5,100	4,600	5,000	500	100
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	20,200	20,300	20,000	-100	200
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	1,400	1,400	1,600	0	-200
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	18,800	18,900	18,400	-100	400
State Government 4/	15,100	15,200	14,900	-100	200
Local Government	3,700	3,700	3,500	0	200

1/ In accordance with the CES Manual, those published cells with less than 2,000 employees are rounded to nearest 50. Those published cells with more than 2,000 employees are rounded to 100.

2/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

3/ The employment for the Las Cruces MSA is rounded to fifty. Because employment in this industry is below 25 it appears as zero.

4/ Includes employees of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS

Hours and Earnings of Production, Construction and Nonsupervisory Employees
(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
NEW MEXICO	MAY 1986	APR 1986	MAY 1985	MAY 1986	APR 1986	MAY 1985	MAY 1986	APR 1986	MAY 1985
MINING	$476.40	$510.02	$501.19	40.0	40.9	42.8	11.91	12.47	11.71
CONSTRUCTION	$406.03	$409.88	$387.19	37.7	37.5	36.7	10.77	10.93	10.55
MANUFACTURING	$337.50	$344.27	$334.03	39.8	39.8	40.1	8.48	8.65	8.33
Durable Goods	$339.89	$354.08	$346.39	39.8	40.1	40.8	8.54	8.83	8.49
Nondurable Goods	$329.47	$323.44	$306.08	39.6	39.3	38.5	8.32	8.23	7.95
COMMUNICATION & UTILITIES	$470.68	$463.56	$462.76	42.1	41.5	42.3	11.18	11.17	10.94
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	$214.75	$215.68	$225.45	32.1	32.0	33.7	6.69	6.74	6.69
Wholesale Trade	$344.05	$366.17	$397.52	39.5	39.5	42.2	8.71	9.27	9.42
Retail Trade	$189.11	$185.75	$188.85	30.6	30.5	31.9	6.18	6.09	5.92
BANKING	$210.21	$219.84	$208.57	39.0	38.1	38.2	5.39	5.77	5.46
ALBUQUERQUE MSA	U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics has been forced to cancel funds for this series due to reductions caused by the Gramm - Rudman - Hollings Balanced Budget Act.								
MANUFACTURING									
Durable Goods									
Nondurable Goods									

NOTE: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part time work, overtime work etc.

AREA ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

ALBUQUERQUE AREA: GTE Communication Systems has announced the transfer of approximately 200 jobs to their Albuquerque plant from their El Paso plant, beginning within about a month. The jobs are skilled production level, involved in manufacturing telecommunications transmission equipment. GTE already employs about 500 workers here. Sperry Corporation's Aerospace and Marine Group has been chosen prime contractor for the Air Force's $17 million QF-106 Aerial Target Drone project; the work will be performed at the Albuquerque plant. Advanced Sciences, Inc. has been awarded a $299,335 contract to build a high-power microwave device for the Air Force. Amigo Mobility International, Inc. has announced it will move its sales, marketing, finance, and administrative offices from Albuquerque to Michigan, resulting in the loss of about thirty jobs here. Fiesta del Norte shopping center will soon open at San Mateo and Osuna; the center will have about 20 specialty retail shops and restaurants, with more to open later. Federated Electronics, anticipating 75 employees, and Cost Plus Imports, anticipating 50 employees, have signed up for space at the planned $60 million, 57-acre American Square shopping center to be located just west of the existing American Furniture store at Carlisle and Menaul. Construction of the center is scheduled to begin August 1 and take about eight months to complete the first phase. Construction has begun on the $30 million Academy Road Office and Townhouse Project on the corner of Academy Boulevard and Truchas Drive. Eventually to consist of 29 office buildings and 100 townhouses covering 31 acres, the project will take several months to complete. Construction is expected to begin soon on a restaurant-theatre complex at San Mateo and Academy. The complex will contain a six-screen theatre, a Tumbleweed steakhouse, and a

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Bennigan's restaurant. Wagon Train Communications will be moving two of its subsidiary companies, Drake-Chenault of Los Angeles and TM Communications of Dallas, to Albuquerque within about a month. About thirty new employees, skilled in music and radio production, will be hired here; and about thirty more will be transferred to Albuquerque from their former locations. Isleta Bingo Palace, a high stakes bingo parlor, will open for business sometime in August, according to Isleta Pueblo officials. The parlor will seat approximately 1,400 players and will employ from 80 to 120 workers.

CARLSBAD / ARTESIA AREA: The proposed sale of the N-Ren Corp. anhydrous ammonia plant to an Arizona firm has fallen through, according to N-Ren officials. The ammonia plant was closed in January, resulting in the layoff of 65 workers.

CLOVIS / PORTALES AREA: Construction has begun on a new Super 8 Motel in Clovis. Frozfruit is interviewing applicants for a third shift at the Clovis plant; however, company officials have not announced when hiring will take place.

ESPANOLA AREA: July 28 is the target date for the start of filming of "The Milagro Beanfield War". Much construction work, employing about 20 people, will take place before that date.

FARMINGTON AREA: Albuquerque-based American Furniture Company has purchased Palmer Plaza on Farmington's west side. Following extensive remodeling of the facility, American will open a 70,000-square-foot store, named American Home Furnishings, this fall.

GALLUP / GRANTS AREA: Construction has begun on a new outpatient facility for Cibola Medical Foundation in Gallup; the $1.4 million facility should be in operation by February 1987. Gallup's Smith's Foodway store closed at the end of May. Bagdad Plastics Company in Grants laid off six workers in mid-May; these layoffs are expected to be temporary. The Navajo Tribe will receive $2.9 million under the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program; the largest single project will be $500,000 for the Crownpoint Shopping Center.

HOBBS / LOVINGTON AREA: The Lea County area received welcome news recently when two oil companies announced plans to construct new carbon dioxide plants at nearby Denver City, TX. Amoco Production Co. is planning to start building its CO_2 recovery plant in July, and ARCO Oil and Gas Co. will construct its plant beginning in mid-October. The facilities should provide approximately 250 jobs each during the construction phase and about 30 jobs full-time when in operation. CO_2 injection, which forces oil out of petroleum bearing rock formations, began in the Wasson Field near Denver City in 1984. Recovery plants such as the two planned facilities reclaim CO_2 from gas wells for subsequent reinjection.

LAS CRUCES AREA: New Mexico State University plans to establish a research park which will hopefully attract new emerging businesses to the area. Initial plans for the park call for a 30,000-square-foot building to be constructed later this year on university land near Interstates 10 and 25. Area lettuce growers have completed their harvest; and, according to local sources, most growers received favorable prices this year. The bulk of the seasonal farm workers in the area are now involved in onion and alfalfa harvesting and thinning and weeding of chili and cotton. K-Mart officials are considering locating a second K-Mart store in Las Cruces, this one near Del Rey Boulevard and U.S. Highway 70 East.

LAS VEGAS AREA: Two local banks have established a $400,000 loan pool to help property owners in the historic district to renovate building facades. Each successful applicant may borrow up to $20,000 at a below-market interest rate, to pay for repair, renovation, painting, and cleaning of historic structures.

LOS ALAMOS AREA: The Los Alamos Small Business Center will expand into a new, 10,000-square-foot building to be built in the Eastgate Industrial Park. The expansion is necessary because new local business development is proceeding faster

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STATE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK 1/

New Mexico's economic growth over the next two years is expected to vary considerably by industrial sector. The **mining** industry will continue its weak performance of recent years due to low demand, low prices, and foreign competition. With interest rates expected to remain fairly low through 1987, construction should continue to recover and grow, although at a slower rate than that seen in 1984. Of course, factors such as the budget deficit could adversely affect interest rates and, therefore, this trend.

The **service** industries are expected to exhibit continued strong gains due primarily to job expansion in the hotel/motel, medical facilities (ie. nursing homes, treatment centers, etc.) and tourism sub-sectors. Much of the increase in tourism will be the result of lower gas prices and the fears associated with foreign travel.

The **trade** sector will continue to grow through 1987, but at a slower rate than in recent years. Much of the job expansion in trade is due to the rising spending power provided by higher per capita incomes, lower oil prices, and a low rate of inflation. New Mexicans, however, will not experience as great an increase in per capita income as the nation as a whole due to the loss of high-paying mining jobs.

Manufacturing is projected to experience stronger growth in 1987 and 1988 than recorded in 1985 due to the expected recovery of the semiconductor industry. This should result in the completion or resumption of construction of several electronics manufacturing facilities in the Albuquerque area: including, Intel's plant expansion in Rio Rancho, Monolithic Memories' new plant, and a new facility for Signetics. Manufacturing employment in 1986, however, should remain relatively flat.

Unemployment remained stable through the first half of 1985, hovering around 9 percent. From July through September, the rate declined, reaching the 8.4 percent level. Since September, the unemployment rate gradually increased to 9.4 percent in March 1986 and then declined slightly to 9.0 percent in May 1986. The jobless rate is expected to remain close to this level through the remainder of 1986 and through 1987.

1/ From the New Mexico Annual Manpower Planning Report, June 1986. Copies of this 110 page report, which includes detailed information on population, employment developments, outlook by industry and occupation, per capita income and poverty, and Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) target groups, is available from NMESD, ER & A, P.O. Box 1928, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103, or by calling (505) 841-8645.

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Additional Information on State Government Employment

Number of Classified State Govt. Workers

May 1986	15,144
April 1986	15,235
May 1985	15,159

These figures include classified employees working for classified agencies of the executive branch of state government. This information is furnished by the New Mexico State Personnel Office.

U.S.CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
May 1986

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(Base Year 1967 = 100)

CPI-U - All Urban Consumers
CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

NEW MEXICO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/

	PRELIMINARY MAY 1986				REVISED APRIL 1986				REVISED MAY 1985			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	674,055	613,458	60,597	9.0%	666,727	605,719	61,008	9.2%	646,003	588,936	57,067	8.8%
ALBUQUERQUE MSA 2/	253,172	237,873	15,299	6.0%	252,611	237,150	15,461	6.1%	241,454	225,321	16,133	6.7%
LAS CRUCES MSA 3/	55,876	51,782	4,094	7.3%	54,034	50,127	3,907	7.2%	50,764	46,123	4,641	9.1%
SANTA FE MSA 4/	63,102	59,952	3,150	5.0%	62,088	58,813	3,275	5.3%	58,760	55,776	2,984	5.1%
Catron	1,089	983	106	9.7%	1,038	850	188	18.1%	1,021	905	116	11.4%
Chaves	23,361	21,269	2,092	9.0%	23,214	21,114	2,100	9.0%	23,138	21,260	1,878	8.1%
Cibola	8,855	7,239	1,616	18.2%	8,708	7,071	1,637	18.8%	8,990	6,754	2,236	24.9%
Colfax	7,137	6,067	1,070	15.0%	6,951	5,488	1,463	21.0%	6,859	6,180	679	9.9%
Curry	17,166	16,022	1,144	6.7%	16,858	15,775	1,083	6.4%	16,095	14,957	1,138	7.1%
De Baca	924	836	88	9.5%	916	808	108	11.8%	920	825	95	10.3%
Eddy	23,003	19,827	3,176	13.8%	22,399	19,352	3,047	13.6%	21,977	19,651	2,326	10.6%
Grant	9,846	8,802	1,044	10.6%	9,871	8,737	1,134	11.5%	10,403	8,954	1,449	13.9%
Guadalupe	1,657	1,455	202	12.2%	1,630	1,417	213	13.1%	1,581	1,375	206	13.0%
Harding	492	436	56	11.4%	470	417	53	11.3%	516	466	50	9.7%
Hidalgo	2,404	2,274	130	5.4%	2,396	2,249	147	6.1%	2,432	2,262	170	7.0%
Lea	25,660	22,108	3,552	13.8%	25,290	22,327	2,963	11.7%	26,594	24,916	1,678	6.3%
Lincoln	8,316	7,814	502	6.0%	7,332	6,790	542	7.4%	7,736	7,362	374	4.8%
Luna	5,561	4,741	820	14.7%	5,467	4,630	837	15.3%	5,492	4,560	932	17.0%
McKinley	17,242	15,204	2,038	11.8%	17,010	14,972	2,038	12.0%	16,932	14,829	2,103	12.4%
Mora	1,453	951	502	34.5%	1,478	950	528	35.7%	1,388	1,033	355	25.6%
Otero	17,780	16,386	1,394	7.8%	17,452	16,067	1,385	7.9%	17,213	15,821	1,392	8.1%
Quay	4,644	4,228	416	9.0%	4,567	4,141	426	9.3%	4,490	4,040	450	10.0%
Rio Arriba	13,184	10,522	2,662	20.2%	13,350	10,344	3,006	22.5%	13,785	11,337	2,448	17.8%
Roosevelt	7,124	6,728	396	5.6%	7,504	7,127	377	5.0%	6,353	5,987	366	5.8%
Sandoval	21,570	19,914	1,656	7.7%	21,517	19,775	1,742	8.1%	20,761	19,102	1,659	8.0%
San Juan	35,221	29,193	6,028	17.1%	34,599	28,721	5,878	17.0%	33,900	28,966	4,934	14.6%
San Miguel	10,413	9,093	1,320	12.7%	10,414	9,047	1,367	13.1%	10,024	8,670	1,354	13.5%
Sierra	2,395	2,217	178	7.4%	2,314	2,136	178	7.7%	2,266	2,049	217	9.6%
Socorro	5,639	5,175	464	8.2%	5,792	5,252	540	9.3%	5,458	5,065	393	7.2%
Taos	10,508	7,068	3,440	32.7%	10,506	7,027	3,479	33.1%	10,434	7,948	2,486	23.8%
Torrance	3,138	2,756	382	12.2%	3,063	2,678	385	12.6%	3,148	2,839	309	9.8%
Union	2,124	1,946	178	8.4%	2,055	1,881	174	8.5%	2,051	1,904	147	7.2%
Valencia	13,999	12,597	1,402	10.0%	13,833	12,486	1,347	9.7%	13,068	11,699	1,369	10.5%

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

2/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Bernalillo County

3/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Dona Ana County

4/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Santa Fe and Los Alamos Counties

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than existing tenants of the Center can mature and move out on their own. Logging has started on the Valles timber sale area southwest of Los Alamos, and work should continue for at least two months. Duke City Lumber Company has subcontracted the actual logging operation to Carter Logging Company of Espanola.

ROSWELL AREA: The State Industrial Development and Training Board awarded Transportation Manufacturing Company a $200,000 grant to train 160 new workers for the firm's new robotic trailer division.

SANTA FE AREA: The new Continental Inns hotel has opened on Cerrillos Road, with a work force of about 80 people. Brooks' Santa Fe Super Market will soon open at Rodeo Plaza with about 20 employees. Eberline Instruments has laid off 16 production workers because of a lag in orders; the layoff is expected to be temporary.

SILVER CITY AREA: The State Racing Commission has sent out a request for bid for a feasibility study for the proposed horse racing facility in the Silver City area. A program to retrain unemployed miners in the fields of truck driving and heavy equipment operation is being implemented by the Employment Security Department and Western New Mexico University.

TAOS AREA: U. S. Senator Pete Domenici has pledged to expedite the appropriation of federal money to pay for ninety percent of the cost of a new runway for Taos Municipal Airport. The new runway would be capable of handling jet aircraft. Holy Cross Hospital has had to lay off ten employees, and officials are considering whether further layoffs will be necessary. Loss of revenues from Molycorp's group insurance program is a major cause of the hospital's financial troubles. Taos Municipal Schools has notified seven teachers and one nurse that they will not be rehired for the fall term, because of budget restrictions.